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An ESL Student on "best and worst things that have happened to me in the classroom":

The following is a copy of a free writing, typed exactly as written. I think it's instructive about the situation of non-native speakers.

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The worst things that have happened to me in the classroom was: I felt lost in the lecture and was confused about the assignments. I felt dumb when I have questions that I didn't know how to express and phrased for the professor. I couldn't concentrate on what the teacher was saying and fell asleep. When I walk out of the class not knowing what the professor said during the whole time made me felt guilty. Other classmates disturbed me from listening to the lecture because I'll be busy talking and answering their questions, I'm afraid to get the wrong answer in class.

The best things that have heppened to me in the classroom was: I learned a lot of informations that I never considered before. I met new trustworthy friends that I could count on when in desperated times. When I felt comfortable with the professors and could discussed situations out of class with them without feeling uncapable of doing work. I enjoy the class so much I would spend extra time to review with my professor about the class discussions. I wold walk out of class feeling satisfy over the class discussions and knowing that it's worth it for spending so much money to learn something important.

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